13: Jenness--86 (1914-1916) 1917 Copper Eskimo
116, 685, 626

"The greatest check on theft is the extreme intimacy of social relations, everyone being aware of what is said, done, or owned by all the rest. Nevertheless a little pilfering does occur, even among themselves; and, in the absence of any established authority, the victim's only redress is by an appeal to physical force, which, with a people whose emotions, like those of children, have not come under the control of a developed temperament frequently means murder."

22: Richardson--351-352 (1848-49) 1851 Copper Eskimo-1
116, 577, 685

[first part of paragraph omitted]
"....our presence at Fort Confidence was sufficient to determine various bands of Hare Indians, Dog-ribs and Martin-lake Indians, to resort to the north-eastern arm of Great Bear Lake; and but for a deadly feud with the Dog-ribs, which twenty years ago greatly reduced the number of our old friends, the Copper Indians, we should have had their company also. The Eskimos, on the contrary, [as opposed to the neighboring Indian tribes] have a strong respect for their territorial rights, and maintain them with firmness. We learned at Cape Bathurst that each [352] head of a small community had a right to the point of land on which his winter house or cluster of houses stood, and to the hunting grounds in its vicinity. We had also evidence, at various places on the coast, of the unwillingness of these people to appropriate the goods of their absent neighbors, even when we, not knowing the proper owner, tempted them by the offer of a price much beyond the value of the article in their eyes. The answer on such occasions was, 'That belongs to a man who is not here.' We also saw on the coast stages on which provisions, furs, lamps, and other articles were placed, while the owners had gone inland; and hoards of blubber, secured from animals by stone walls, but without any attempt at concealment. 'Tiglikpok' (he is a thief) is a term of reproach among themselves; but they steal without scruple from strangers, and with a dexterity which training and long practice alone can

give. Nor did they appear ashamed when detected, or blush at our reproofs. I believe that on this point their code is Spartan, and that to steal boldly and adroitly from a stranger is an act of heroism."